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WHITE PLAINS BOOKER OF CELEBRITY SPEAKERS FOUND GUILTY IN U.S. COURT ON 61 COUNTS OF FRAUD

DAVID N. KELLEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that ALAN S. WALKER, the President of the Program Corporation of America ("PCA"), was found guilty by a jury in White Plains federal court today on 60 out of 61 counts of mail fraud and on 1 count of mail fraud conspiracy, in connection with his scheme to defraud speakers, schools and a public library out of hundreds of thousands of dollars in appearance fees between 1999 and 2004.

As proven at trial, WALKER, through PCA, defrauded, among others, basketball great Earvin "Magic" Johnson, journalists Andy Rooney, Helen Thomas, Ray Suarez, Charlayne Hunter-Gault, Stanley Crouch, and Deborah Norville, environmentalist Erin Brockovich, boxing great Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, former presidential candidate Senator Carol Moseley Braun, civil rights leader Martin Luther King III, Olympic Gold medalist Dominique Dawes, humanitarian Jehan Sadat, and the late entertainers Ossie Davis and Alan King, some of whom testified at

the trial. As found by the jury, Walker's scheme included booking his victims to perform speaking engagements, while receiving hundreds of thousands of dollars from sponsoring organizations, with the knowledge that he would keep the speakers' fees.

On each of the 60 substantive counts of conviction,
WALKER faces a statutory maximum of 20 years in prison and a
maximum fine of \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or loss
resulting from the offense. On the conspiracy count, WALKER
faces a statutory maximum of 5 years in prison and a maximum fine
of \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or loss resulting from the
offense.

WALKER, 67, lived in White Plains, New York, prior to his arrest in this case.

Sentencing is scheduled for August 2, 2005 at 9:00 A.M. before United States District Judge COLLEEN MCMAHON.

Mr. KELLEY praised the investigative efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Assistant United States Attorneys DAN DORSKY and JEFFREY UDELL are in charge of the prosecution.

Following is a chart outlining the counts on which WALKER was convicted:

<u>Count</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Venue</u>
One	Scott Carpenter	North Carolina Library
		Association
Two	Diane Ravitch	Wheaton College
		(Massachusetts)
Three	Rubin Carter	Southern Illinois
		University
Four	Robert Ballard	Indiana State University
Six	James Earl Jones	Kalamazoo Public Library
		(Michigan)
Seven	Andy Rooney	Indiana State University
Eight	Neil Postman	Skidmore College (New
		York)
Nine	Erin Brockovich	Wyndham Anatole Hotel
		(Texas)
Ten	Deborah Norville	Hewlett-East Rockaway
		Jewish Center (New York)
Eleven	Bill Moyers	Hotchkiss School
		(Connecticut)
Twelve	James Carville	National Council of
		Jewish Women (New York)
Thirteen	David Levering Lewis	Clemson University
Fourteen	Rubin Carter	State University of New
		York, at Binghamton

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Fifteen	Rubin Carter	College Hill Bookstore
		(Rhode Island)
Sixteen	Ruby Dee and Ossie	LeMoyne-Owen College
	Davis	(Tennessee)
Seven-teen	Rudy Ruettiger	Garden City Community
		College (Kansas)
Eighteen	Earvin "Magic" Johnson	Illinois Wesleyan
		University
Nineteen	Capitol Steps	Utah State University
Twenty	William H. Gray, III	NAACP (Arkansas)
Twenty-Three	George Curry	Washington University
		(Missouri)
Twenty-Four	Hans Massaquoi	Florida International
		University
Twenty-Five	Charlayne Hunter-Gault	Claremont McKenna
		College
Twenty-Six	Charlayne Hunter-Gault	California State
		University-Sacramento
Twenty-Seven	Charlayne Hunter-Gault	College of Saint
		Catherine (Minnesota)
Twenty-Eight	Charlayne Hunter-Gault	Miami University of Ohio
Twenty-Nine	Stephen Dweck	Wayne County Community
		College (Michigan)

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Thirty	Stephen Dweck	Wayne County Community
		College (Michigan)
Thirty-One	Stephen Dweck	Wayne County Community
		College (Michigan)
Thirty-Two	Stephen Dweck	Wayne County Community
		College (Michigan)
Thirty-Three	Stephen Dweck	Wayne County Community
		College (Michigan)
Thirty-Five	Henry Parker	Saint John's University
		(New York)
Thirty-Seven	Helen Thomas	Shawnee State University
		(Ohio)
Thirty-Eight	Rodney Slater	University of Arkansas
		at Little-Rock
Forty	Samuel Betances	Hyatt Regency Penns
		Landing (Pennsylvania)
Forty-One	Loretta Long	North Eastern Wisconsin
		Education Association
Forty-Two	Claire Chow	Denison University
		(Ohio)
Forty-Three	Nikki Giovanni	Shawnee State University
		(Ohio)

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Forty-Four	Roberta Guaspari	Takeda Pharmaceuticals
		(New York)
Forty-Six	Eric Jerome Dickey	Western New England
		College (Massachusetts)
Forty-Seven	Eric Jerome Dickey	University of Delaware
Forty-Eight	Dominique Dawes	Wellesley College
Forty-Nine	Carol Moseley-Braun	Metro-Miami Action Plan
		Trust
Fifty	Patricia Russell-	Stillman College
	McCloud	(Alabama)
Fifty-One	Mahnaz Afkhami	Rockford College
		(Illinois)
Fifty-Two	Timothy Ferris	Austin College (Texas)
Fifty-Four	Guilon S. Bluford, Jr.	Boys and Girl's Club of
		Nash/Edgecombe Counties
		(North Carolina)
Fifty-Five	Guerrilla Girls	Drury University
		(Missouri)
Fifty-Six	Reverend Walter	Metro Miami Action Plan
	Fauntroy	Trust
Fifty-Seven	Martin Luther King,	Minneapolis Community
	III	College

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Fifty-Eight	Therman Evans	Chevron Texaco
		Corporation (California)
Fifty-Nine	Ray Suarez	College of Lake County
		(Ohio)
Sixty-Four	Tavis Smiley	Kean University (New
		Jersey)
Sixty-Five	Ayinde Jean-Baptiste	SUNY Cortland
Sixty-Six	Ayinde Jean-Baptiste	Benedict College (South
		Carolina)
Sixty-Seven	Stanley Crouch	New Jersey City
		University
Sixty-Eight	Jehan Sadat	Women Helping Women Fund
		(Washington)
Sixty-Nine	Bari-Ellen Roberts	Vanderbilt Law School
		(Tennessee)
Seventy-One	Linda Chavez	Northern Virginia
		Community College
Seventy-Two	Alan King	Solomon Schechter
		Academy (New Jersey)
Seventy-Three	Sandra Guzman	New Jersey City
		University

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